

For the attention of Ottery Town Council.

Allotments. 27.05.2014

### SHEDS.

Everyone I have spoken to on the allotments has been quite strongly in favour of a shed when asked if they would prefer “a shed or a tool box you could sit on” which was part of Redrow’s offer.

I understand the Council’s worries about the cost of maintenance in the future, bearing in mind what happened at Budleigh Salterton. However, if the sheds at Budleigh had been secured properly when they were installed the problem would never have happened. I’m not a builder but even I can think of a few ways to fix a shed down – and at a fraction of the cost Budleigh had to fork out.

If you are really worried about possible maintenance costs Allotment holders could be asked to take responsibility for the upkeep of their sheds in the signed agreement.

The people at Budleigh we spoke to were very pleased with the gutter, drainpipe and water tubs. This seems like an excellent thing to Ottery allotment holders and it will save on the water bill also.

As to theft – this is an ongoing problem and nothing to do with sheds as such. The Allotment Association recommend that anything too valuable should not be left in there, and not to lock the door. Maybe we will have to get a real video camera !

I can’t see any insurmountable problems in having sheds and it does seem that the allotment holders see sheds with water butts as a huge benefit which would make working on the site so much easier. Please give this due consideration.

Regards from the Allotment Committee.